## Tooele County Legislative Redistricting Meeting

Grantsville UT September 8, 2021

## Tooele County's Unique History

- Danger Cave perhaps the oldest occupied site in North America
- Mountain man era Jedidiah Smith's documented record
- Donnor Party spent a week in Tooele Valley
- Tooele Pioneer's first settlement 1849
- Mining Tooele Rebellion (settlers vs miners)
- International Smelter and immigration of diverse international population
- Tooele Army Depot in support of WWII
- Rapid growth since the 1990's -

## Tooele County's Unique Geography

- Great Salt Lake makes up 5% of the County
- Deservet Peak is the highest peak within 50 miles of Salt Lake City
- Bonneville Salt Flat
  - Word Class Speed Racing Surface
  - Most requested cinematic filming location in the State
- Historic Wendover Airport

## Tooele County

- Area 7,286 sq. mi. or 4.7 million acres
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest County by area in the State

- **■**Population = 73,xxx
  - 7<sup>th</sup> most populous county in the State

## Tooele County's Seven Cities (Population 2019 estimates)

Tooele – 44,535 Grantsville
- 11,021

(Erda) – 2,927 Wendover – 1,037

Stockton - 680

Rush Valley - 537

Vernon - 329

## Tooele County Unincorporated Areas

- 15% of Tooele County's population is non-incorporated
  - Stansbury Park 9,325
  - Lakepoint 1,166
  - ►(Erda)
  - **Dugway 576**
  - Terra 200
  - Ibapah 181
  - **■**Ophir 50

#### Land Ownership in Tooele County

- **►** Federal 81.4%
  - Dept of Defense 30%
  - **BLM 47%**
  - **►** Forest Service 4.4%
- **►** \$tate 10.7%
  - **SITLA -6%**
  - Sovereign 4.7%
- **■** Private -7.4%
- Tribal 0.5% (Skull Valley Goshute band)



### Tooele County Economy

#### 74% of Working adults commute to the Salt Lake Valley to work (before the pandemic)

#### Major County Employers (top 10)

- Tooele County School District
- Walmart (distribution center in Grantsville)
- U.S. Gov't [Dugway, Tooele Army Depot, others]
- US Magnesium LLC
- Tooele County
- Cabela's Warehouse
- Mountain West Medical Center
- Tooele City
- Detroit Diesel
- Clean Harbors

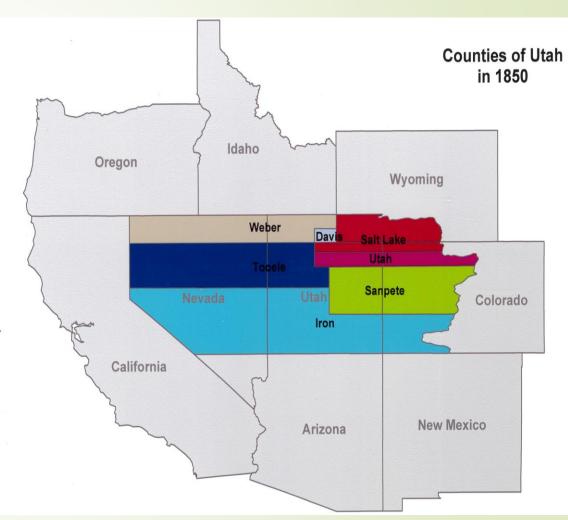
- Hastings Cutoff/Donnor Party
- Pony Express Route
- Union Pacific Lines
  - Line to Northern California
  - Line to Southern California
- Interstate I-80
  - Major East-West route
  - 102 Miles in Tooele County
- Significant State Roads
  - SR 36 Tooele County to SR 6 (Juab to Millard) to 257 (Beaver) and 21 to I-15 alternate

Tooele County Major
Transportation
Corridors

Tooele – an Original Territorial County

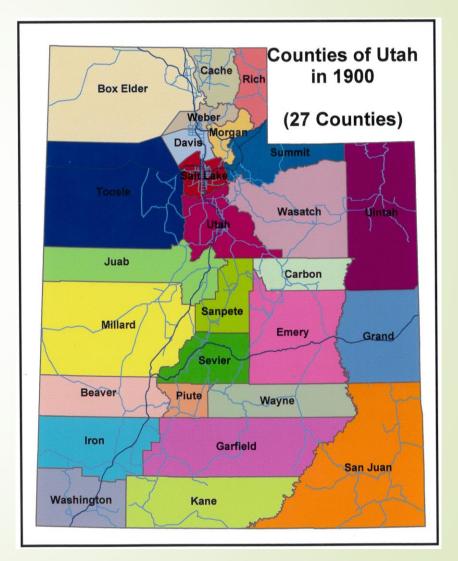
(from 1850)

- Tooele County was one of seven original territorial counties
  - Weber
  - Davis
  - Tooele
  - Salt Lake
  - Utah
  - Sanpete
  - Iron
- Tooele Reached from the Salt Lake Valley to what is now Reno NV



### Tooele County – at Statehood

- By 1896, Utah had 27 Counties without:
  - Morgan
  - Daggett
- Tooele County occupied the current area



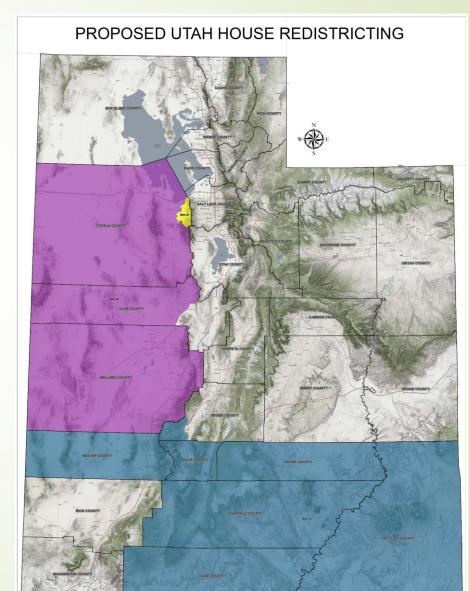
### The Purpose of Redistricting:

- Create districts that fairly represent the people of Utah
- District must meet the standards:
  - Roughly equal population
  - Contiguity
  - Compactness
  - Community of interest
  - Fairness

Tooele County State House of Representatives

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- Tooele County currently has two house districts
  - District 21
  - District 68
- The County has the population for 1.7 seats
- The Tooele County Council Suggests:
  - District 21- near status quo
  - District 68 simplify by removing Beaver County + tweaks to Utah County (Add Beaver to Dist. 73)



## Tooele County – Historic Senate Representation

- From Statehood, 104 years (1896-2000), Tooele County was represented by a single senate district with the balance from adjoining counties.
- In the 2000 census redistricting, the sitting State senator requested that the long-standing historic senate district be modified to include only a small portion of Tooele County and have Rose Park and Magna added for the balance.
- As a result of that change, Tooele County's senate seat was divided four ways
- The 2010 redistricting realigned Tooele County into two senate districts with neither district giving Tooele County a majority of either Senate seat

### Tooele County State Senate Representation

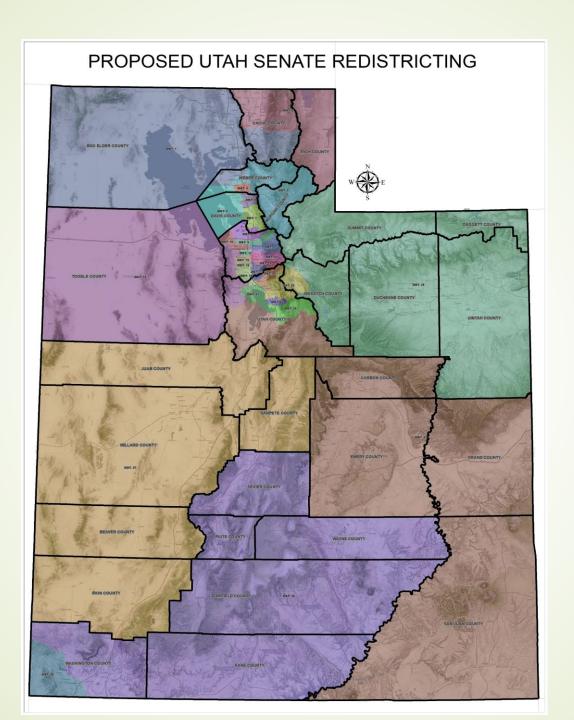
In the 2020 Redistricting, the Tooele County Council asks that the fair and reasonable previous senate seat be restored

It ought to be fair and reasonable for the 7<sup>th</sup> most populous County be strongly represented

## Tooele County Council's Senate Districting Suggestions:

- Create a senate District that encompasses all of Tooele County
- Take need additional populations balances from adjacent counties
- In the statewide readjustments, seek to keep counties as undivided as possible
- Look to simplicity, contiguity, compactness
- Disregard politics in considering where lines are drawn

Tooele
County
Council's
suggestions:



# Thank you for your work and attention!